

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Agriculture Research, Extension, and Education Reform Conference Report.

Senate passed National Science Foundation Reauthorization/Anti-Slamming Legislation.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4639–S4748*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2062–2070, S. Con. Res. 95, and S. Res. 227–229. **Pages S4712–13**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Science Foundation Authorization:** Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1273, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation, and by a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 127), the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting the text of S. 1046, Senate companion measure, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto, as follows:

Jeffords (for McCain) Amendment No. 2386, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4659–64**

Subsequently, S. 1046 was returned to the Senate calendar.

**Anti-Slamming:** By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 130). Senate passed S. 1618, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the protection of consumers against “slamming” by telecommunications carriers, after agreeing to committee amendments, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S4638–S4709**

Adopted:  
McCain/Hollings Amendment No. 2389, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4690–91**

McCain (for Feingold) Amendment No. 2390, to authorize the enforcement by State and local governments of certain Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding use of citizens band radio equipment. **Page S4691**

Dorgan (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2391, to modify the exception to the prohibition on the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications to require that all parties to communications with health insurance providers consent to their interception. **Pages S4694–95**

Dorgan (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 2392, to require truth in billing procedures for telecommunications carriers. **Pages S4702–04**

**Printing Authority:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 228, to authorize the printing of a document entitled “Washington’s Farewell Address”. **Page S4745**

**Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Chicago Board of Trade:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 229, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Chicago Board of Trade. **Pages S4745–47**

**Wisconsin Statehood:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 75, honoring the sesquicentennial of Wisconsin Statehood. **Page S4747**

**Commemorating Law Enforcement Officers:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 201, to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers. **Page S4747**

**Agriculture Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act—Conference Report:** By 92 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 129), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, and to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs. **Pages S4651–59, S4664–80**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 23 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 128), Senate rejected a motion to recommit the conference report, with instructions.

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**Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act—Agreement:** A further unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1260, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto.

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**WIPO Copyright Treaty Implementation—Agreement:** A further unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 2037, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, and to provide limitations on copyright liability relating to material online, and an amendment to be proposed thereto.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Paul L. Cejas, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Belgium.

Cynthia Perrin Schneider, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

9 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:** Pages S4713-27

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages S4727-28

**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S4729-38

**Notices of Hearings:** Pages S4738-39

**Authority for Committees:** Page S4739

**Additional Statements:** Pages S4739-44

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—130) Pages S4664, S4672, S4680, S4704

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 13, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S4747-48.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings on proposed

budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) environmental programs, after receiving testimony from Robert Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installation and Environment; Paul Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installation and Housing; and Jimmy G. Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations.

### INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1868, to express United States foreign policy with respect to, and to strengthen United States advocacy on behalf of, individuals persecuted for their faith worldwide; to authorize United States actions in response to religious persecution worldwide; and to establish an Ambassador at Large on International Religious Freedom within the Department of State, a Commission on International Religious Persecution, and a Special Adviser on International Religious Freedom within the National Security Council, after receiving testimony from Senators Nickles and Lieberman; and John H.F. Shattuck, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor.

### TOBACCO PRICE INCREASE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held hearings to examine the consequences of raising the price of certain tobacco products as contained in the proposed comprehensive anti-tobacco legislation, including the impact on the consumption of tobacco products and the potential for increasing black market sales of tobacco products, receiving testimony from Gary Black, Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., Inc., and Martin Feldman, Salomon Smith Barney, both of New York, New York; and Matthew L. Myers, National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, Washington, D.C.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

### INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1870, to provide the National Indian Gaming Commission with resources to monitor and regulate certain Indian gaming operations, focusing on provisions relating to tribal acquisition of off-reservation lands for gaming purposes, and the Department of the Interior's role in this process, after receiving testimony from Senator Lieberman; Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Tanja Kozicky, on behalf of the Governor of Minnesota, St. Paul; gaiashkibos, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Hayward,